

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 04721 121309Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15
CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-02 ICA-20 /083 W
-----082142 121310Z /43

P R 120645Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7158
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY KABUL
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

UNCLAS ISLAMABAD 4721

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MNUC, PINT, PK, US
SUBJ: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS ZIA INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST

1. PAKISTAN TIMES MAY 12 CARRIES EXTENSIVE QUOTATIONS
FROM AN INTERVIEW CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA)
GENERAL ZIA GAVE TO A CORRESPONDENT OF THE WASHINGTON POST.
THE CORRESPONDENT IS NOT NAMED, BUT WE ASSUME THAT IT WAS
BERNARD NOSSITER. NO DATE OF THE INTERVIEW IS GIVEN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PAK TIMES STORY, ZIA SPOKE AT LENGTH
ABOUT THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. THE CMLA REPORTEDLY
TOLD THE POST THAT:

-- PAKISTAN HAS "ACCEPTED ALL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS,
EVEN POLICING THE PLANT INTERNATIONALLY OR BY FRANCE."

-- THE US POSITION ON REPROCESSING CHANGED
DURING CARTER'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

-- PAKISTAN WAS "BEING SINGLED OUT TO BE DEPRIVED
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 04721 121309Z

OF WHAT IT BADLY NEEDED FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT."

-- CO-PROCESSING WAS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE AS IT
"IS NOT AN ESTABLISHED TECHNOLOGY."

-- INDIA'S CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE AN ATOM BOMB WAS
"OF CONCERN TO PAKISTAN AND ALL THE NEIGHBORING

COUNTRIES."

3. ZIA ALSO APPARENTLY DISCUSSED "ISLAMIC PUNISHMENTS"
WITH THE POST.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL TEXT OF ZIA INTERVIEW.
HUMMEL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS CONFERENCES, NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978ISLAMA04721
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780202-0221
Format: TEL
From: ISLAMABAD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780565/aaaacdgn.tel
Line Count: 69
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c1dd16a0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2709900
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS HIGHLIGHTS ZIA INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST
TAGS: MNUC, PINT, PK, US, (ZIA UL-HAQ, MOHAMMAD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c1dd16a0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014